

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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ENCROACHMENT IN MEERUT CANTONMENT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total land encroached upon in Meerut Cantonment area, category-wise;
- (b) the total land encroached upon there during the last three years and its percentage to the total land in Meerut Cantonment area; and
- (c) the steps taken to remove the encroachment and the extent of success achieved therein during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The total Defence land under encroachment in Meerut Cantonment, category-wise, is as under:-

Sl.No	Category	Area under encroachment (in acres)
1.		
(i)	B-4 (under the management of Defence Estates Officer (DEO)	5.6378
(ii)	Class B-4/C (under the management of Cantonment Board).	12.7500
(iii)	Class- A-1 (under the management of Army)	0.2688

(b) The total defence land, encroached upon, during the last three years and its percentage to the total defence land in Meerut Cantonment is, as under:-

Sl.No	Area encroached during the last three years	% to the total land
1.		
(i)	0.55 acres, under the management of DEO.	1.3370%
(ii)	1.29 acres under the management of Cantonment Board.	0.0146%

(c) Directions have been issued to Director General Defence Estates and Service Headquarters to take action for removal of encroachments under the provisions of Cantonment Act, 1924 and Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) (PPE) Act, 1971.

The Defence Estates Officer has initiated action in 179 cases and the Cantonment Board in 104 cases, under the PPE Act, 1971. The DEO has passed final orders in 43 cases. Further, 6.328 acres of land has been freed from encroachments by the Cantonment Board.